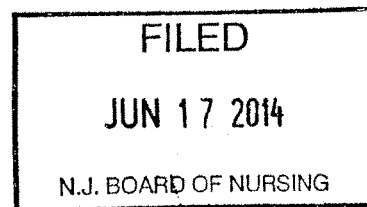


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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

TRACY BARBIERO, R.N.  
LICENSE # NR 13008400

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information that respondent Tracy Barbiero, R.N., while employed as a nurse at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital on at least one occasion in February, 2012, documented assessment of the status of a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube that had been installed to feed patient S.C. in the event that he refused to eat. The records indicate that S.C. was a difficult patient. The documentation indicated

that the PEG tube was intact. However, on February 22, 2012, a physician at the facility found that the tube had been removed, and the fistula wound had already healed completely. S.C. stated that he had pulled out the tube, or that it had fallen out, two weeks earlier.

According to respondent, the patient stated to her that the PEG tube was intact, refused assessment, and took his nutritional supplement by mouth. Nevertheless respondent documented that she assessed the PEG tube.

The Board finds that respondent's documentation that S.C.'s PEG tube was intact at a time when it could not have been intact indicates that she provided inaccurate documentation with regard to an assessment which did not occur, and constitutes professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without admissions and without further proceedings, respondent waiving any right to a hearing, and the Board finding that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS, ON THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

2. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check, money order or attorney trust account check, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

3. Respondent shall, within six months, document completion of a nursing ethics continuing education course pre-approved by the Board, which shall not be eligible towards satisfaction of a respondent's continuing education obligations pursuant to

N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

*Patricia Murphy PhD APN*

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C

I have read and understand  
The within Consent Order and  
Agree to be bound by its terms.

*Tracy Barbiero RN*  
Tracy Barbiero, R.N.